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SUBJECT: ZANZIBAR TREASON TRIAL - APPEALS DECISION POSTPONED

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1. SUPREME COUNCIL, HIGHEST BODY OF REVIEW IN ZANZIBAR'S JUDICIAL SYSTEM, HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO ANNOUNCE JANUARY 29 ITS FINDINGS ON TREASON TRIAL APPEALS. DATE HAS NOW BEEN INDEFINITELY POSTPONED, WITH EXPLANATION THAT TREASON CASE SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH FEBRUARY 1-5 CELEBRATIONS IN ZANZIBAR OF 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF AFRO-SHIRAZI PARTY AND LAUNCHING OF NEW, UNITED TANZANIAN REVOLUTIONARY PARTY.

2. TREASON CASE HAS BEEN RECEIVING INCREASED ATTENTION, PARTICULARLY FROM LEGAL RIGHTS GROUPS IN LONDON WHO HAVE WRITTEN SCATHING LETTERS TO ATTORNEY-GENERAL DOURADO, WHO QUITE INCORRECTLY ACCUSED OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ZANZIBAR'S LEGAL SYSTEM. BELIEVE SAME GROUPS HAVE ALSO WRITTEN TO PRESIDENT NYERERE AND FIRSTVICE PRESIDENT JUMBE.

3. IF ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINDINGS POSTPONED TO AVOID CLOUDING
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ATMOSPHERE AT TIME OF CELEBRATIONS, THEN PROSPECTS ARE NOT GOOD FOR AT LEAST SOME OF 24 STILL UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH.

DOURADO UNAWARE OF SUPREME COUNCIL'S DECISION BUT BELIEVES JUMBE KNOWS AND THAT POSTPONEMENT DIRECTED BY JUMBE. DOURADO HAS GIVEN UP HIS EFFORTS FOR DECLARATION FEBRUARY 5 OF GENERAL AMNESTY FOR ALL IN PRISON ON CHARGES RELATED TO POLITICS AND IS NOW PUSHING, WITHOUT MUCH HOPE, FOR FEBRUARY 5 COMMUTATION

OF ALL DEATH SENTENCES FROM JUDGMENTS ON POLITICALLY-RELATED
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